



SPEAKER'S BIO



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John Rasmussen is a Commissioner assigned to the Wichita, KS field office of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS). In this capacity, he assists parties in the private, public, and federal sectors in contract negotiations and grievance mediation. He also provides training for labor and management advocates in collective bargaining, contract administration, communication, and relationship building. John began working for FMCS in May of 2016.

Immediately prior to joining FMCS, John worked fifteen (15) years as an attorney for the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB). In his role at KASB, John served as the chief negotiator for school boards in their negotiations with the teacher unions all across the state. His duties included representing school boards during Impasse proceedings including fact finding hearings. John also coordinated and provided training on bargaining for school districts. As an attorney, John advised school administrators and board members across the state on all areas of school law and represented districts in other court and administrative proceedings.

Prior to joining KASB, John worked for the Kansas League of Municipalities as a staff attorney providing legal services and lobbying on behalf of cities in Kansas.

John is a native of Lincoln, Kansas and graduated from the University of Kansas in Lawrence with a degree in Secondary Education. He taught and coached for ten (10) years in high schools in Kansas before going back to law school in 1996 where he graduated with a JD from Washburn University in Topeka.